[*English*]

Transfer of Inter-Basin Water for Urban Water Supply

2647. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken measures to transfer inter-basin water for urban water supply during years 1990-2000; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). Studies are being carried out by the National Water Development Agency on the national perspectives for water resources development. The studies include for water resources development. The studies include determination of basin/sub-basin wise water surplus/deficits and proposals of inter-basin transfer after taking into account the water requirement for irrigation, industrial and domestic uses within the basin.

Release of Water to Delhi By Haryana

2648. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHARA MURTHY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Administration has recently requested Haryana Government to release more water to Delhi;

(b) whether the State Government has agreed to release more water to Delhi;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). The river level at Wazirabad Barrage is maintained at 674 feet. Whenever, this level tends to fall an indent is placed on Bhakra Beas Management Board/Haryana Irrigation Department for release of extra water. As the water level started falling in the first week of July, 1991, the Irrigation Department of Haryana was requested for release of extra water which they had released.

(c) and (d). Do not arise in view of replies to (a) and (b) above.

[*Translation*]

Review of Tribal Sub-Plan

2649. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sub-Plan for tribals in the Seventh Five Year Plan has since been reviewed;

(b) if so, the achievement made in this regard programme-wise and policy-wise;

(c) the policy adopted for allocation and administration during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(d) the changes proposed to be made during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) strategy was continued in the VII Plan. Appreciable

achievements were made Programmes for providing economic assistance to raise income levels of tribals to take them above the poverty line were continued during the 7th Plan. 52.89 lakh tribal families were economically assisted against the target of 41.56 lakhs.

(c) During the Seventh Five Year Plan the policy adopted was for:—

(i) Integrated Area Development.

(ii) elimination and exploitation in all forms by legislative measures.

(iii) speeding up the process of Socio-Economic Development by income generating schemes and other means.

(iv) improving organisational capability of tribals by suitable structural net work.

(d) No decision on changes has been taken.

National Book Trust of India

2650. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Book Trust of India was set up with the objective of generating interest for books among the people;

(b) if so, whether the said trust has been able to achieve this objective; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by it to generate interest for books among the people?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c). The main objects of the National Book Trust, as stated in its Memorandum of Association, are as follows:

(a) to produce and to encourage the production of good literature, and to make such literature available at moderate prices to the public;

(b) in furtherance of the above objectives to publish more particularly books of the following types in English, Hindi and other Languages recognised in the Constitution of India;

(i) The classical literature of India;

(ii) Outstanding works of Indian authors in Indian Languages and their translation from one Indian language to another;

(iii) Translation of outstanding books from foreign languages;

(iv) Outstanding books of modern knowledge for popular diffusion;

(c) to bring out book lists, arrange exhibitions and seminars and take all necessary steps to make the people book-minded.

The trust has taken the following steps to generate interest in books:

(i) Publication of works of fiction and non-fiction of good quality fora general reader, on a variety of subjects, in English, Hindi, Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Oriya, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu and